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Saseum, I'm a Deer

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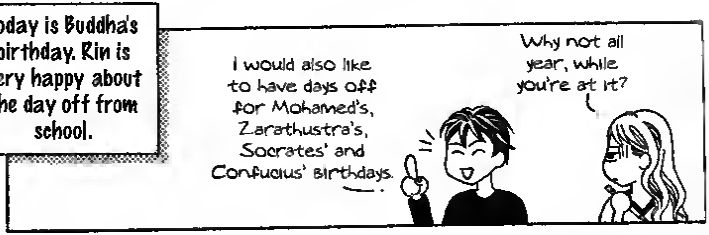
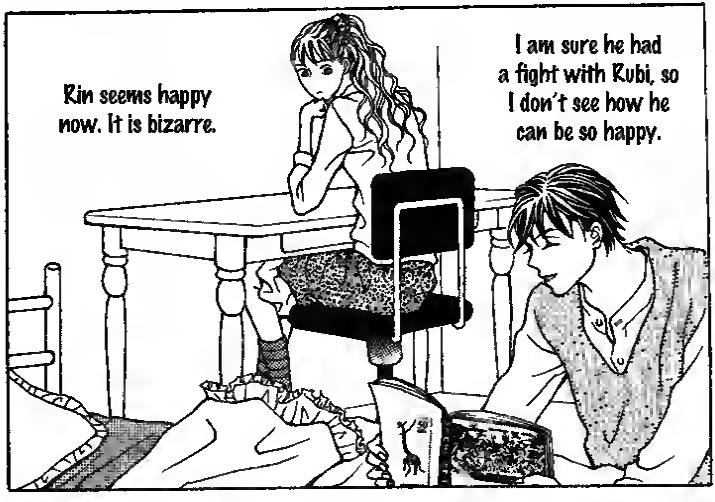
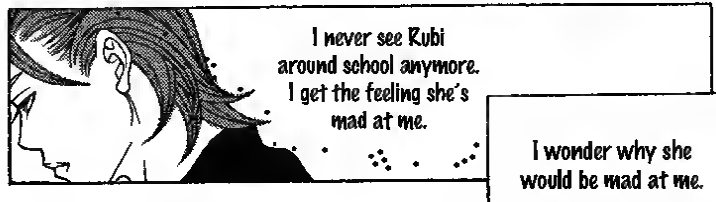
I am a deer.


Today is Buddha's birthday. Rin is very happy about the day off from school.
I would also like to have days off for Mohamed's, Zarathustra's, Socrates' and Confucius' birthdays.
Why not all year, while you're at it?



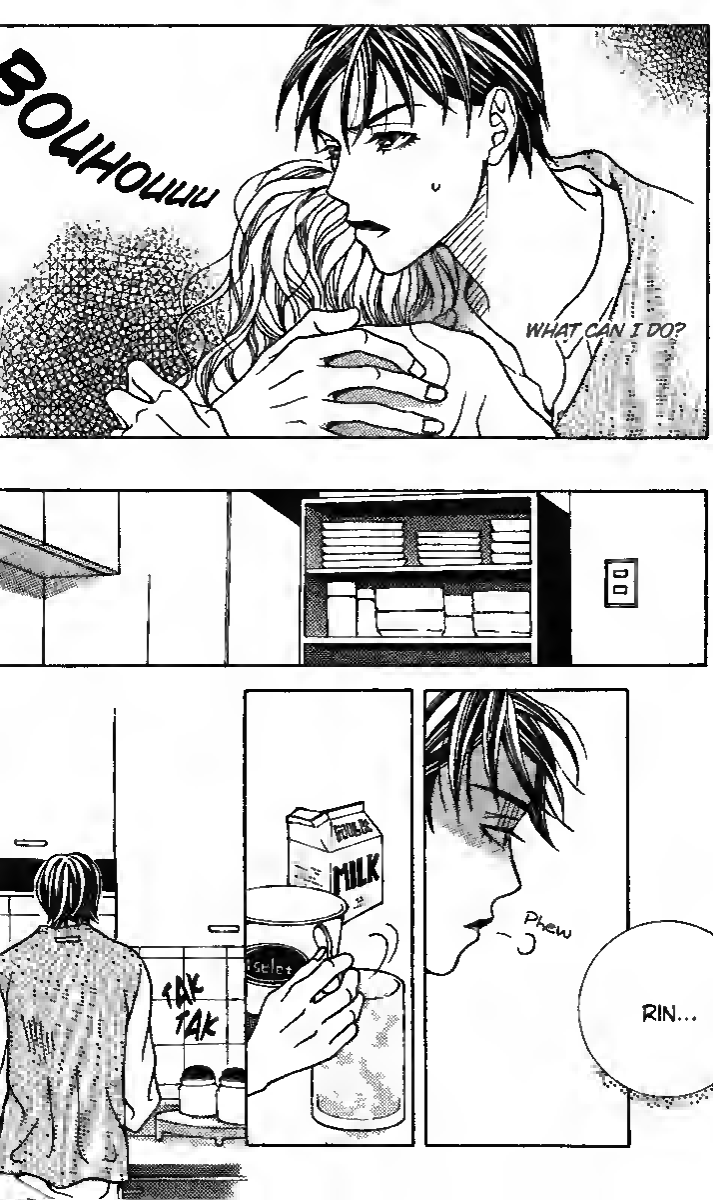


DEER, I'M GOING TO BED.
AGAIN?
I'M TIRED.
NOT EVEN A HIBERNATING SNAKE SLEEPS AS MUCH AS HE DOES
TAK
FRR
FRR
"Regret" is growing new shoots.

It's been a long time since "Life" has grown. "Dream" and "Knowledge" even have little buds.
My adorable children, my darlings...
WAAAAH
THAT'S 'RIA!
WHAT'S WRONG?
KATATA
BLAM

'RIA?
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
'RIA...
"TEARDROPS" IS...
DEAD.
IT WAS IN GOOD SHAPE YESTERDAY...
BUT IT DIED SUDDENLY.

THIS IS "TEARDROPS,"
THAT ONE IS "LIFE,"
THIS IS "DREAM,"
THIS IS "KNOW-LEDGE,"
AND THIS ONE IS "REGRET."
FUNNY NAMES, DON'T YOU THINK?
WE'RE BORN CRYING, WE LIVE OUR LIVES, AND WE DREAM.
AT SOME POINT, WE GAIN ENOUGH KNOWLEDGE TO KNOW WE CAN'T REALIZE OUR DREAMS, AND WE CONTINUE OUR LIVES IN REGRET.
IF "TEARDROPS" DIES, I WILL SHED TEARS FOR HIM.
IF "LIFE" DIES, I WILL WISH IT HAD LIVED LONGER. IF "DREAM DIES, I WON'T SLEEP. IF "KNOWLEDGE" DIES, I WILL STOP WRITING. IF "REGRET" DIES, I MAY DIE TOO, AND LEAVE BEHIND MANY REGRETS


BOUHOUUU
WHAT CAN I DO?
MILK
TAK TAK
Phew
RIN...

I CAN'T PREVENT THEM FROM DYING. ALL I WANT IS FOR THEM TO DIE ONE AT A TIME.
"TEARDROPS" DIED FIRST, AS SHE PREDICTED. SOMETHING MUST BE DONE.
HERE, A MILKSHAKE.
YES? TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT.
I WANT MORE.
SNIF
SNIF
RIN...

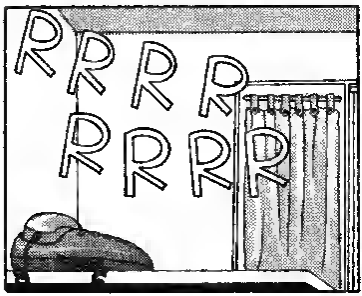
마화원
CLING
Phew!
Flower

Lavendar
YRIA!

LOOK, "TEARDROPS" ISN'T DEAD!
APPARENTLY IT WAS ONLY UNDERFED!
BOBO
WILL SHE BELIEVE THIS? THEY LOOK REALLY ALIKE.
BOBOOM
THE AMBIENCE IS..
MAYBE SHE NOTICED THE SWITCH?
BOBOOM
BOBOOM

SNIF
SNIF
HIRK

THIS MEANS...
"TEARDROPS" IS RESURRECTED!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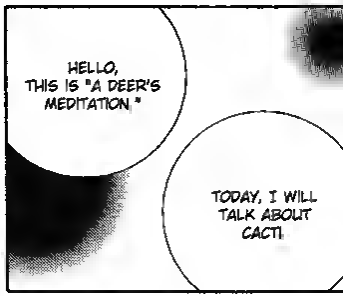
HELLO, THIS IS "A DEER'S MEDITATION."
TODAY, I WILL TALK ABOUT CACTI.

IN FACT, I AM A SINGLE MOTHER.
I IMAGINE YOU ARE SURPRISED.
I HAVE FIVE BABY CACTI. THEY HAVE FUNNY NAMES: "TEARDROPS," "LIFE," "DREAM," "KNOWLEDGE," AND "REGRET."
Today, "Teardrops," the oldest, is dead.
I cried, because I promised to cry when it died.
My brother remembered what I told him when I bought the cactus.
So he bought a cactus in secret, and told me "Teardrops" wasn't dead.
The one he bought me didn't look at all like mine, but I was touched by the effort he made. He pays attention to everything I tell him.

My brother and I have a sad destiny that won't allow for our love. I don't know who that caller is, but I wanted to confess my feelings for my brother.
I LOVE YOU, BROTHER.
WE'LL STOP HERE TODAY.
THAT WAS "A DEER'S MEDITATION."
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